# INCIDENT ACTION PLAN

# FARMINGTON FIRE UT-WCF-252

DAY OPERATIONAL PERIOD JULY 16, 2003

Rocky Mountain IMT1 Steve Hart, IC

11	NCIDENT OBJECTIVES	1. INCIDEN	Г NAME	2. DATE PREPARED	3. TIME PREPARED				
••	ICS-202	F	armington	07/15/03	2000				
4.	4. OPERATIONAL PERIOD (DATE/TIME) 07/16/03 0700-1900 hours								
5.	GENERAL CONTROL OBJECTIVES FOR THE IN	ICIDENT (INCL I	IDE ALTERNATIVES)						
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1.	FIREFIGHTER SAFETY: Mitigate Analysis and implementing LC recommendations.		_		dent Risk				
2.	PUBLIC SAFETY: Avoid elevate roads if the fire or smoke threat blocks at access points to the operations.	itens safe	vehicle movement	; also by posti	ng road				
3.	Minimize additional acreage buindirect tactics.	ırned in m	unicipal watershed	ds through dire	ect and				
4.	Protect FAA radar site on Franc	cis Peak ar	nd summer homes	in the path of	the fire.				
5.	Minimize suppression impacts	to Morris (	Creek Research Na	atural Area.					
6.	SUPPRESSION OPERATIONS: direct and indirect attack to fla headwaters of Steed Creek nor of Shepard Creek; hold fire eas north of ridge between Hornet	nk the fire th into He st of the Fi Creek and	Hold the fire wes Il Hole Creek and \ re Break Road dov Steed Creek.	ot of a line from Whipple Creek vn to Steed Cro	n the ; hold south eek; and				
7.	Construct water bars, using "5- secure from fire threat.	·D" method	dology, on constru	icted firelines	that are				
6.	WEATHER FORECAST FOR OPERATIONAL PE	RIOD							
	Mostly sunny. Maximum tempe elevations. Minimum RH 20-279 Winds southwesterly at 10-15 m by afternoon. Slight chance of control of the state of the	% at highe	r elevations; 14-18 jetops; slope/valle	% at lower ele y winds upslo	vations. pe 5-10 mph				
7.	GENERAL/SAFETY MESSAGE								
Th	e character of slopes has not ch	anged eve	n though the fire r	now poses onl	v limited				
	eats. Be careful of your footing.	_	<b>g</b>		,				
8.	ATTACHMENTS (CHECK IF ATTACHED)								
	X□ORGANIZATION LIST (ICS 203) X□DIVISION ASSIGNMENT LISTS (ICS 204) X□COMMUNICATIONS PLAN (ICS 205) X□MEDICAL PLAN (ICS 206) X□INCIDENT MAP		☐TRAFFIC PLAN X☐FIRE BEHAVIOR F X ☐WEATHER FORE						
9.	PREPARED BY (PLANNING SECTION CHIEF) Steve Petersburg		10. APPROVED BY (INCI	DENT COMMANDER)					

		9.	Operations Section
ORGANI	ZATION ASSIGNMENT LIST	Day	L.Floyd, B.Post, J.Wallace
1. Incident Name	FARMINGTON	Night	
2. Date Prepared 07/15/03	FARMINGTON 3. Time Prepared 1249	a. Division/Groups	Branch I -
4. Operational Period	Wednesday Day Shift 0700 - 1900	Branch Director	
Position	Name	Deputy	
	nt Commander and Staff	Division/Group <b>A/B</b>	Frank Keeler
Incident Commander	Steve Hart, Larry Gregory	Division/Group E	Dick Spiess, D.Kennel
Incident Commander (T)	Ted Moore	Division/Group <b>F/H/M</b>	Air Patrol
Safety Officer	Mike Sugaski		
Information Officer	L. Barclay; L. Pisano- Pedigo; S.Woods; S.Segin		
Liaison Officer	o.moous, o.ocym	b. Division/Groups	Branch II -
6. Age	ency Representative		
Agency	Name	Deputy	
FS Agency Rep	Tom Tidwell	Division/Group	
FS Agency Rep	Loren Kroenke	Division/Group	
Resource Advisor	Steve Scheid	Division/Group	
		Division/Group	
		Division/Group	
7. F	Planning Section	c. Division/Groups	Branch III -
Chief	Steve Petersburg, Jim Jaminet	Branch Director	
Deputy		Deputy	
Resources Unit	Angela Parker	Division/Group	
Situation Unit	Dave Silvieus, Dan Ochocki	Division/Group	
Documentation Unit	Bruce Mangan; Marla Wertz	Division/Group	
Demobilization Unit	C.Hartman, P.Peck	Division/Group	
Fire Behavior Analyst	David Dallison	Division/Group	
Human Resource Specialist		d.	Air Operations Branch
Training Specialist	Darrin Dodson	Air Operations Branch Director	Jim Johnston
GIS Specialist	Anderson, Tony	Helibase Manager	M.Reba
Computer Specialist	Doug Wagner, Geri Morris	Air Attack Supervisor	Bob Leighty, Dan
Incident Meteorologist	Chuck Redmond	Air Support Supervisor	Pierson Larry Lofswold
		Helicopter Coordinator	Lairy LoioMola
		l lelloopter Goordinator	

8.	Logistics Section	Air Tanker Coordinate	or
Chief	S.Bauer, V.Chanay (T)	10.	Finance Section
Deputy	G.Shaffer	Chief	Sue Shirts
Supply Unit	Jim Dahlberg	Deputy	
Facilities Unit	R.Showman, J. Blivens (T)	Time Unit	Peggy Jacobson
Ground Support Unit	Ray Bergquist	Procurement Unit	Kermit Johnson
Communications Unit	J.Fischer (T), T. Rhodes	Compensation/Claims	s Unit <b>Denise Tomlin</b>
Medical Unit	Jeff Hatch	Cost Unit	Connie McCaughey
Security Unit	Jim Maloney	Prepared by (Resou	rce Unit Leader)
Food Unit	Dave Veselka	Angela Parker	

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Divis	ion Assignment List	1. Branch			2. Division/Group	A/B
3. Incident Name	FARMINGTON	4. Operational		3 Wednes	sday Day Shift 0700 - 19	00
5. Operations Personnel						
Operations Chief Operations Chief Branch Director	LARY FLOYD JEFF WALLACE; BI	ERNIE POST	Division/Group Su Air Attack Superv Safety Officer		FRANK KEELER BOB LEIGHTY; DAN MICHAEL SUGASKI	
6.	F	Resources Assigned	this Period			
	am/Task Force/ ce Designator	Leader	Number Of Persons	Trans. Needed	Drop Off PT./Time	Pick Up PT./Time
IDAHO CITY IHC EMTB		S LONG ( GIANFILIPPO	20 1	N N	DP 5 0700 DP 5 0700	DP 5 2000 DP 5 2000

7. Waterbar handlines according to rehab standards. Continue bucket drops using water in unstaffed areas.

8. Special Instructions All Personnel: maintain hydration. Utilize bucket drops as needed. Plck up flagging and trash items, shuttle out.

9. Division/Group Communications Summary								
Function Command	Frequency - RX 168.700	Frequency - TX 170.975	Tone	System <b>King</b>	Channel 5	System NIFC	Channel	
Tactical Div/Group	168.050	168.050		NIFC	1	NIFC		
Logistics								
Air to Ground	164.975	164.975		NIFC	6	NIFC		
Prepared By (Resource Unit Leader)  Approved By (Planning Section Chief)  Date Prepared  Time Prepared  Angela Parker  1253								

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3. Incident Name	FARMINGTON	4. Operational F		3 Wednes	sday Day Shift 0700 - 190	00
5.		Operations Perso	nnel			
Operations Chief Operations Chief Branch Director	LARY FLOYD JEFF WALLACE;	BERNIE POST	Division/Group Su Air Attack Superv Safety Officer		DICK SPIESS, T.KEN BOB LEIGHTY; DAN MICHAEL SUGASKI	
6.		Resources Assigned t	his Period			
	eam/Task Force/ rce Designator	Leader	Number Of Persons	Trans. Needed	Drop Off PT./Time	Pick Up PT./Time
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#### 7. Control Operations

Waterbar handlines according to turn back stands. Exclude underslung line.

8. Special Instructions Keep all personnel hydrated. Utilize bucket as needed. Plck up flagging and trash items, shuttle out.

9. Division/Group Communications Summary							
Function Command	Frequency - RX 168.700	Frequency - TX 170.975	Tone	System KING	Channel 5	System NIFC	Channel
Tactical Div/Group	168.200	168.200		NIFC	2	NIFC	
Logistics							
Air to Ground	164.975	164.975		NIFC	6	NIFC	
Prepared By (Resource Angela Parker	e Unit Leader)	Approve	d By (Planning Section	on Chief)	Date Prepared 07/1	d  5/03	Time Prepared 1255

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D	Division Assignment List	1. Branch			2. Division/Group	H/M/F	
3. Incident Name	FARMINGTON	4. Operational Per	iod 07/16/0	3 Wednesd	ay Day Shift 0700		
5.		Operations Personr	nel				
Operations Chief Operations Chief Branch Director	LARY FLOYD JEFF WALLACE;	BERNIE POST	Division/Group Su Air Attack Supervi Safety Officer		BOB LEIGHTY;	DAN PIERSO ASKI	ON
6.		Resources Assigned this	s Period				
	rike Team/Task Force/ Resource Designator	Leader	Number Of Persons	Trans. Needed	Drop Off PT./Time	Pick	Up PT./Time
PATROL BY	-						
7. Control Op	erations						
8. Special Ins	structions						
9.	[	Division/Group Communic	ations Summa	ry			
Function Command Tactical Div/Grou Logistics Air to Ground	Frequency - RX Frequer	ncy - TX Tone	System	С	hannel	System	Channel
Prepared By (Re	esource Unit Leader)	Approved By (Planning Sec	tion Chief)		Date Prepared 07/15/03	Time Pre	pared 1259
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#### FIRE WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST NO. 4\_\_\_

NAME OF FIRE: FARMINGTON CANYON PREDICTION FOR: DAY SHIFT

UNIT: WASATCH-CACHE NF SHIFT DATE: JULY 16, 2003

TIME AND DATE SIGNED:

FORECAST ISSUED: 07/15/03 2100 Incident Meteorologist

#### WEATHER DISCUSSION:

HIGH PRESSURE OVER THE FOUR CORNERS THE PAST SEVERAL DAYS WILL MOVE INTO COLORADO THIS AFTERNOON AS A PACIFIC STORM SYSTEM MOVES INTO THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST. AN INCREASE IN MOISTURE IN THE MID LEVELS OF THE ATMOSPHERE WILL CONTINUE TO MOVE INTO THE AREA THROUGH THE DAY BRINGING WITH IT A SLIGHT CHANCE OF AFTERNOON AND EVENING DRY THUNDERSTORMS. ADDITIONAL MOISTURE IS EXPECTED TO MOVE INTO THE AREA THURSDAY AND FRIDAY LEADING TO SCATTERED SHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORMS.

#### WEATHER FORECAST

WEATHER: PARTLY CLOUDY IN THE MORNING...INCREASING CLOUDS BY THE AFTERNOON

WITH A SLIGHT CHANCE OF DRY THUNDERSTORMS.

TEMPERATURES: HIGH 92 TO 96 IN THE VALLEYS/MIDSLOPES AND 83 TO 87

OVER THE RIDGES.

HUMIDITY: VALLEYS/MIDSLOPES 14 TO 18% AND RIDGES 18 TO 25%.

#### 20 FT WINDS: \*\*\*GUSTY WINDS NEAR THUNDERSTORMS\*\*\*

RIDGETOP - SOUTHWEST 10 TO 15 MPH.

**SLOPE/VALLEY** - DOWNSLOPE 5 TO 15 MPH THROUGH 1000 AM...BECOMING UPSLOPE/UPVALLEY 5 TO 15 MPH BY THE AFTERNOON.

HAINES INDEX: 6 HIGH.

**STABILITY/INVERSION:** TOP OF THE INVERSION AROUND 5500-6000 FT MSL AND IS EXPECTED TO BREAK BETWEEN 1000 AND 1100 AM.

#### OUTLOOK FOR NEXT SHIFT:

PARTLY CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF SHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORMS. HIGHS IN THE LOWER 80S TO LOWER 90S. MIN RH 15 TO 25 PERCENT. WINDS UPSLOPE 5 TO 15 MPH WITH SOUTHWEST WINDS 10 TO 15 MPH OVER THE RIDGES...EXCEPT GUSTY NEAR THUNDERSTORMS.

#### EXTENDED FORECAST:

FRIDAY THROUGH SUNDAY... PARTLY CLOUDY. A SLIGHT CHANCE OF SHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORMS. HIGHS 82 TO 92. SOUTHWEST WIND 10 TO 15 MPH.

OBSERVED WEATHER FOR TUESDAY:		
DIV E/F (RIDGELINE)	MAX TEMP 88	MIN RH 21%
FRAWS-13 (FARM. CANYON 5250 FT)	MAX TEMP 102	MIN RH 5%
FRAWS-17 (FARM, CANYON 7750 FT)	MAX TEMP 89	MIN RH 8%

#### FIRE BEHAVIOR FORECAST

Forecast # 4 Issued by: David Dallison
Fire name: Farmington Canyon Prediction for Day shift

Unit: WCF . Shift date: 7/16 /03
Time and date of forecast: 1600 7/15/03 Signed:\_\_\_\_\_\_

#### **WEATHER SUMMARY:**

See weather forecast for detailed weather discussion.

#### **FIRE BEHAVIOR**

#### General:

Fire activity should be very minimal today.

Individual tree torching in interior islands is possible but unlikely in the steep chutes with conifer fuels along the north aspect of Farmington canyon. Oak brush fuels in the higher elevations will continue to burn out with some interior surface spread. Occasional torching is possible but will be rare.

#### Specific:

Highest potential for perimeter increase will be to the southeast along upper slope on the south side of Farmington canyon in division C and D.

Gusty winds from thunderstorms can suddenly increase fire intensity, and rate of spread.

#### Potential surface fire rates of spread:

Rates of spread of 5-10 ch/hr are possible when winds align with slope and conifer fuels. Backing fires will generate slower rates of spread .5 to 2 ch/hr. Wherever dense oak brush and cured grass is present, much higher upslope rates of spread are possible in the 30-60 ch/hr range. Potential fire behavior remains high however the probability of significant spread events is very low, due to suppression efforts.

#### **Potential Flame lengths**

Expect flame lengths of 4-8 ft in the surface conifer fuels and 2-3 feet for grass fuels, where the fire is burning upslope, 1-2 feet for backing fires. If crown runs occur expect flame lengths in excess of 100 feet in conifer 20 feet in oakbrush.

**Spotting:** Probability of ignition will be near 60% at the start of the shift increasing to 90% by late afternoon.

#### **Fuel Moistures**

Higher elevation fuels above 6500 feet and valley bottom fuels in riparian areas are greener and fire behavior will tend to moderate in these areas. 100 and 1000 hour fuels are very low in spruce fir stands making spotting potential high and increasing the potential for crowning.

#### Air operations: no concerns

#### Safety

Watch for re-burn potential in oak brush that has been under-burned particularly if gusty thunderstorm winds occur. Watch for chimney effect in Farmington canyon. **LCES.** 

# **HEALTH AND SAFETY MESSAGE**

### **SAFETY** starts with **YOU**

We are **ALL** accountable for **SAFE** behaviors

INCIDENT: Farmington DATE: 07/16/03 TIME: 0700 to 1900

Major Hazards and Risks: Complacency, steep slopes, snakes, heat exhaustion, dehydration, unburnt fuel

**Air Operations:** bucket drops,

**Traffic:** congestion in town; steep, narrow, windy road (Farmington Canyon)

#### Fire Order of the Day -I nitiate all actions based on current weather and expected fire behavior

<u>Narrative</u>: **Complacency**: you have spent the last few days on the same piece of line, up and down, checking and rechecking for hot spots, for material that has rolled over the line, and posting lookouts to see if there is any heat that can threaten the line or your safety. It seems routine, mundane and boring. Fatique and sore joints are setting in. This is not a time to let down your guard. The fire behavior may not be as intense, but many of the same hazards are still there. Stay busy but take needed rest breaks. Be innovative and creative on the task you're doing. Come up with some brain-teasers to keep things lively. Keep a good attitude and humor and the day will go a lot faster. And, never get into a fight with an ugly person, they have nothing to loose.

The team very much appreciates the hard work and safe record. Keep drinking the fluids, and stay away from the snakes.

# **Watch Out Situation of the Day**



11.UNBURNED FUEL BETWEEN YOU AND THE FIRE

# Look Up, Look Down, Look Around

\*Look Up: Check the sky for any weather changes such as building or approaching thunderstorms, wind shifts or increasing in speed. Watch for air operations and water drops. Look for snags.

\*Look Down: Watch your footing. Keep an eye out for snakes, bees nests and observe fine fuels on the ground.

\* Look Around Check fuel loading in the area, general terrain, current fire behavior and ladder fuels. Keep an eye on fellow firefighters for signs of heat stress and smoke inhalation.

Incident Safety Team: Mike Sugaski, Mary Strom, Floyd Bartlett

		1. Inciden	t Name	2. Operational Period				
Incident Rad	dio Communica	itions Plan	ARMINGTON	07/16/03 Wed	nesday Day Shift (	0700 - 1900		
3. Basic Radio Channel Utlization								
Radio Type/Cache NIFC	Channel 1	Fuction Tactical 1	Frequency/Tone 168.050 168.050	Assignment DIVS A/B		Remarks		
NIFC	2	Tactical 2	168.200 168.200	DIV E				
NIFC	4	Command Direct	168.700 168.700	All				
NIFC	5	Command Repeater	168.700 170.975	All				
NIFC	6	Air to Ground	164.975 164.975	A/G Tactical Ops				
NIFC	8	Forest Repeater	168.125 164.125 Tone 110.9	EMERGENCY ONLY				
NIFC	13	NOAA Weather	162.550					
NIFC	14	Air Guard	168.625 168.625	Aircraft Emer. Only				
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4. Prepared By (Commu					5. Date Prepared	6. Time Prepared		
JL Fischer, COML					07/15/03	1900		

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MEDICAL PLAN	Farmingto	on Fire 07.15.2003 20				00		Day	/Night	
		5. Incident Med	lical Aid St	ation			ı			
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Farmington ICP		-	•		•					X
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			portation						I	
		A. Ambular	nce Services	S					ГМТ	Level
Name		,	Address			Р	hone		BLS	ALS
Davis County Sheriffs Off	ice	Farmington UT				911				X
Dispatch						451.41	41 or			
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Air Med (U of U)		SLC UT				451.41 581.29				Χ
Life Flight (LDS)		SLC UT				321.12				X
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		B. Incident	Ambulance	S						
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McKay Dee	Ogden	x 111 59.7)	N/A	25	398	3737	Х			
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University of Utah		6 x 111 52.7) ke City UT	N/A	35	581	2293	Х		Х	
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Ogden Regional	Ogden		N/A	20	479.	2376	Х			
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ALL injuries must be report	ted to dire	•				contac	t DIVS	S who	o will	
contact Farmington Comm										rty.
Closest medical personne	-	_	-							1
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Channel for radio trans		_						-		- m
heard. If necessary, Co communications. Be aw			•	-					-	
NOT TO USE THE PATIEN	TS NAME!									JEN .
9. Prepared by (Medical Un	it Leader) J	eff J. Hatch	10. Revie	wed by	(Safety	Officer) N	Иike S	ugasl	Kİ	
ICS 206										
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# INCIDENT RISK ANALYSIS (215a)

DIV	HAZARDOUS ACTIONS CONDITIONS	S OR	MITIGATIONS/WARNINGS/REMEDIES				
Div's. A/B E	Steep Rocky Terrain Unburn pockets of fuel Reburn potential Underslung line Dehydration Heat exhaustion Rattlesnakes		Good footing and route selection Maintain LCES Maintain LCES Check for rollout material Drink one quart/ Hr., 3: 1 H2O to sports drink Rest often, pace yourself Avoid, watch where you step and put your hands				
	Poison Ivy  Communications  Fatique Complacency		Identify and avoid  Check frequencies before when you change location	e going to the line, and			
AIR OPERA TIONS	Air traffic Terrain Bucket drops Sling loads Powerlines Poor visibility- Dip sites		Maintain Air Attack plat Good como Good A/G como, stay cle Identify and avoid Good como and coordina Provide dip site manager	ear of drop zone			
TRAFF IC	Congestion through town Farimington Canyon Rd (steep, narway)	row, one	Drive slowly and defension Road blocks in place.	ively			
incident <b>Farmir</b>	NAME: ngton Canyon	Date Prepar Signed	ed: 7/14/03	Operational Period: 0600-1900			

Prepared Date/Time: 7-15-03 2030

Incident Name:  Farmington	2. (	Operational Period:	3. # of Copies Needed: FAX 1 copy to NUC and Hill ATB					
3. Remarks (Safety No All pilots and crew will review f FLY WITH LIGHTS AND Special caution for general a	5. TFR Radius: 3 NM  Altitude: MSL  Centerpoint: Lat							
1	HAZARDS: Wires, Smoke, Other Aircraft, Winds Helibase Lat/Long: 40 59 16.9 X 111 53 48. Sunrise: Sunset: Helibase Phone #: 801-647-0205 (Lagoon) 208-634-9419 (Morgan							
6. Personnel	Phone #	7. Frequencies	AM	FM	8. Fixed-Wing	# Avail/Type/Make-Model//FAA #/ Base(s)		
AOBD: J. Johnson		Air-Air Fixed-wing			Air Tankers	Available on request through air		
ASGS: Larry Lofswold		and rotor wing				attack		
ATGS: B. Leighty		Air-Ground:	164.975		Lead Planes	Same		
ATGS: Dan Pierson	FGS: Dan Pierson							
HLCO		Command Rptr:	See communications plan ATGS Aircraft AC			AC-500 0FT, C-337 1ZJ		
HEB1:T. McCauley (Lagoon)		Deck:	163.100 Other M		Mobile Retardant Plant			
HEB1: D. Lewis (Morgan)		TOLC:	168.350					

9. Helicopters (Use Additional Sheets As Necessary)

FAA#	Туре	Make/Model	Base	Avail	Start	Remarks	FAA#	Туре	Make/Model	Base	Avail	Start	Remarks
JDR	1	S-61	MHB										
2FH	1	S-70	MHB										
30F	2	B-212	LHB										
1WM	3	AS-350	LHB										
1HP	3	B-206B3	LHB			Radiometric Mapping							
						LHB = Lagoon HB MHB Morgan HB							
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Type/Function	Name of Personnel or Cargo (if applicable) or Instructions for Tactical Aircraft	Mission Start	Fly From	Fly To
Air Tactical	Provide "eye in the sky" during operational period.			
F/W Aerial Retardant Lead Plane	Request as needed through air attack. Provide target description by lat/long or Division and landmark			
Medevac	See medical plan. Request through ICP Communications. Give location (lat/long or grid #) and ground contact.			
Recon, general Recon, specific	Request as needed through HEB1, ASGS or AOBD.			
Crew Shuttle	0800; fly Ruby Mountain IHC to H-5 No shuttle at end of shift			
Water Bucket/Tank	Request as needed through ATGS. Give location (lat/long preferred), type of helicopter needed and ground contact.			
Patrol by air (ATGS) Div. H/F/M				
Cargo	As requested			
Water bucket	Div. B/C/D, targets of opportunity as directed by air attack or ground contacts			
Radiometric mapping	Helicopter 1HP will be doing mapping flights during the day.			
	Helibase personnel to monitor general aviation use of I-15 corridor; provide heads up to air attack if aircraft intrude into fire area TFR			

# The Five-D System for Effective Fireline Waterbars

Michael J. Furniss USDA Forest Service Pacific Northwest Research Station Corvallis, Oregon

To make effective waterbars on firelines, just remember the 5-D System. The five **D's** are: **Distance**, **Diagonal**, **Divert**, **Discharge**, and **Dissipate**.

Most forest values depend on healthy soils; clean water, streams full of fish, diverse wildlife habitats, productive timberlands, beautiful places, and so on. Firefighters strive to protect our soils by suppressing the wildfires that can damage them.

Methods used to fight fires, especially firelines, can cause erosion and soil degradation, and need to be treated to properly maintain forest values. Fireline surfaces usually cause runoff during heavy rainfall and snowmelt. Without waterbars, excessive runoff will concentrate and cause rills and gullies to form. Effective waterbars can prevent this from happening.

**Distance:** To be effective, waterbars must break up drainage areas and runoff on the fireline so that there's not enough erosive energy available in runoff to erode the soil. To ensure that excess runoff cannot accumulate, waterbars must be placed the proper distance apart, based on the slope of the fireline. This breaks up the area that accumulates runoff, keeping it small enough to prevent damage. Erosion potential depends on slope and a table is provided on the next page that gives the maximum distance between waterbars, or between a waterbar and the next upslope drainage break.

**Diagonal:** After deciding where you will put each waterbar, the next decision is how to build them. An important principle in working with flowing water is: don't bully the flow, lead it. Waterbars built directly across a fireline oppose the water's energy and tend to fail. Waterbars built diagonal to the fireline lead the water off and work much better. A diagonal waterbar has a gentle slope along its base that leads the water off. A simple rule is to add 5 to the slope of the road, in percent, and build the waterbar at that many degrees from perpendicular. Or simpler yet, just build them at 30 degrees off perpendicular (see the illustration on the next page).

**Divert:** A good waterbar will divert the water off the fireline. To do this the waterbar must be sufficiently deep to handle all the flow for as long as it's needed. Excavation is much more effective than fill in making a durable and effective waterbar (a ditch or a dip beats a dike).

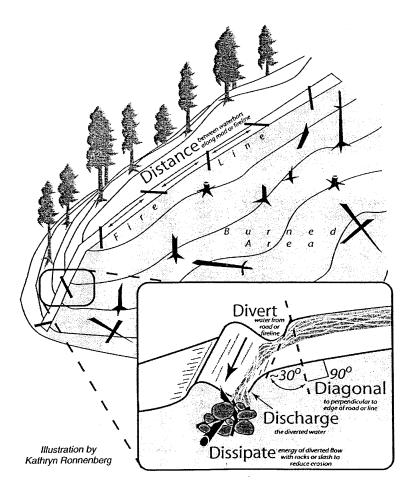
**Discharge**: Another feature of a good waterbar is that it will discharge the flow. A good waterbar is not a dam - it must have an open outlet.

**Dissipate:** Finally, a good waterbar should dissipate the flow just below the outlet to exhaust its eroding power and cause it to filter into the soil. This may require placing slash, rock, or debris below the outlet, or fudging a bit on distance to take advantage of natural features that will dissipate the water's erosive energy.

So remember, when locating and building waterbars, place them the right distance apart, at a **diagonal** to the fireline, so that they divert, then **discharge**, then **dissipate** the energy of the flowing water. Be sure to make them deep enough so they'll be durable.

Fireline slope	Maximum Distance
%	Apart
	(feet)
<b>1</b> -6	300
7-9	200
10-14	150
15-20	90
21-40	50
41-60	25

Recommended spacing for waterbars on firelines. Waterbars should be no furthers apart than this, but they may be closer. When in doubt, put in more. From: UDSA-Forest Service, "Sale Administrator's Handbook"



Reference: Hauge, C.J., M.J. Furniss and F.D. Euphrat. 1979. Soil erosion in California's Coast Forest District. California Geology. June, 1979

# MISC INFO.....

#### LOGISTICAL INFORMATION –

**Shower Hours**: 0500 to 1100

1300 to 2300

Meal Hours:

Breakfast – 0500 to 0900 Dinner - 1800 to 2200

**Quiet Hours**: 2200 to 0500

**Supply Hours**: 0600 to 2200

**Mail Stop**: A box for outgoing mail is set up at the Information Officer station which is located in the middle metal building.

**Fuel**: For vehicles that do not have an agency vehicle charge card (GSA), an agreement is set up at the Maverick station at the southwest corner of Shepard Lane and Highway 89 approximately two miles north of the helibase. Talk to Ground Support to get the details.

**Car Wash** – Arrangements have been made with the Super Wash car wash across the highway (east) from the Maverick station where the fuel agreement is set up. Check with Ground Support for information on how to get your vehicle washed for **noxious weed mitigation and safety**.

**Traffic pattern** in camp parking lot is one way in and one way out – please pay attention to the signs and drive slowly.

#### PLANNING SECTION INFORMATION

The Farmington Incident now has a TRAINING SPECIALISTS (Darin Dodson) on staff to take care of your trainee needs. Stop by the Plans Section ASAP to get your valuable training accomplishments properly documented.

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